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For The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc.

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Dear Amon:

It has been a long time since I have had the pleasure of seeing you.

We have just completed the major task of collecting the funds raised through the Celebration of the President's Birthday, and on last Tuesday, at the White House, we made our report to the President. He was very pleased, as the results were better than ever before.

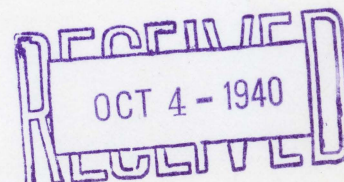
I am sending you herewith a reprint of the story that appeared in the New York Times on last Wednesday, in which I am sure you will be interested.

With best personal wishes, and looking forward to seeing you soon, I am

Sincerely,

Keith

Mr. Amon G. Carter,
Fort Worth,
Texas.





THE PRESIDENT RECEIVES A GRATIFYING REPORT

Mr. Roosevelt accepting a summary of the 1940 "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign from Keith Morgan, national chairman of the Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday. Standing, left to right: Mr. Morgan, D. Walker Wear, George E. Allen and Basil O'Connor, head of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

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\$1,407,245 IS GIVEN TO PARALYSIS FUND

Gifts Marking the President's Birthday Touch New High, Roosevelt Is Told

DISEASE REPORTED RISING

Keith Morgan Asserts People Realize Need for Health to Speed Defense

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24—Receipts of \$1,407,245.74 from the latest "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign waged by the committee for the celebration of the President's birthday were reported to President Roosevelt today by the committee. This sum represented the profit on the birthday balls held on Jan. 30 and the "March of Dimes" campaign.

The sum raised exceeded receipts in any other year, Mr. Roosevelt was informed by Keith Morgan, chairman of the committee.

Of the total, Mr. Morgan said, \$768,780.29 was left in the communities where the money was raised to finance local efforts to control infantile paralysis, while the remainder was given to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which finances numerous organizations which are seeking ways to eradicate the disease.

Accompanying Mr. Morgan were Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation; D. Walker Wear of New York, assistant national chairman of the committee and George E. Allen of Washington, chairman of the "March of Dimes" division.

Mr. Morgan presented to the President an engrossed copy of the committee's report, saying:

"This money, representing literally thousands upon thousands of small contributions, is evidence that Americans stand for complete preparedness against disease as well as any other enemy. They realize the importance of building up the health of the nation in connection with the total national defense.

"In the face of many urgent appeals for relief of war and disaster sufferers and unprecedented Winter storms, the 1940 campaign for funds for infantile paralysis reach new high marks. This year's

total of \$1,407,245.74 was the largest of all the seven celebrations and exceeded the all-high of 1939 by almost \$80,000."

President Roosevelt thanked the committee for its work, but made no formal statement. He has always remained outside the active part of this work.

Mr. O'Connor assured the President that every assistance was being given to States which are hardest hit by new outbreaks of infantile paralysis this year.

He stated that the disease has appeared in record proportions, particularly in the States of Washington, West Virginia, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Iowa, Kansas, Illinois, Kentucky and Montana. As a result, cases reported by the United States Public Health Service in this year up to Sept. 14 totaled 4,856, exceeding the figure of 3,955 in the 1939 period. The 1939 total, Mr. O'Connor said, was nearly four times greater than that of the year before.

"We were fully prepared for these emergencies and are cooperating with medical and health authorities to the utmost extent," he added. "We believe that as a result of this united action against these serious outbreaks much of the crippling after-effects of the disease will be prevented. Encouraging reports are reaching foundation headquarters every day of the good work being done in the afflicted areas."